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In re Application of:)

Michel GARRAIT et al.)

Application No.: 09/350,152)

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION
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Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of August 23, 2002. The fee of \$110.00 should be charged to deposit account 06-0916.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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